CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for accessing and using a text tool from a text editor, comprising the steps of:

accessing the text editor;

accessing the text tool; and

associating text tool data with the text editor.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the text editor invokes the text tool.

3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying text editor data and the text tool data.

4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the text tool data.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the text tool data is stored in a HyperText Markup Language format.

6. The method according to claim 4, wherein the text tool data is stored in a non-HyperText Markup Language format.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the non-HyperText Markup Language format is translated into the HyperText Markup Language format at run time.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said associating step comprises providing a pointer to the text tool data.

9. A method for accessing and using a text tool from a text editor, comprising the steps of:

   installing on a system a file compatible with a known system application program interface (API), wherein the installed file utilizes the known API to provide a text tool that can be used in connection with a text editor;

   invoking the text editor;

   specifying in the file one or more roles that can utilize the text tool;

   determining if the user has rights to utilize the text tool; and

   if the user has rights, granting access to the text tool.